

**REMARKS**

Upon entry of the instant amendment, claims 1-16 are now pending. Claims 14-14 have been withdrawn, and claims 15 and 16 have been added herein.

The examiner has required restriction among the following inventions:

- I. Claims 1-12 pertaining to a ytterbium double wolframate single crystal
- II. Claim 13 pertaining to a procedure for the production of the crystal of claims 1-12
- III. Claim 14 pertaining to a laser pumped by a diode comprising the crystal of claims 1-

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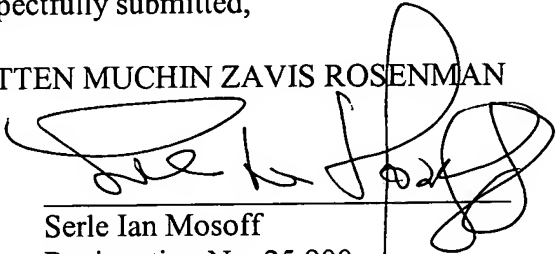
Applicant elects to prosecute group 1, claims 1-12 in this application.

Pursuant to the rejoinder procedure set forth in MPEP 821.04 and in order to expedite prosecution, applicant has presented process of use claims that include all the limitations of the product claims. Should restriction be required, applicant again elects to prosecute group I, claims 1-12. Any fee due with this paper, not fully covered by an enclosed check, may be charged on Deposit Account 50-1290.

Respectfully submitted,

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